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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No.: 09/533,504 Group Art Unit: 2712

Filed: March 23, 2000 Examiner: HA

Title: SEARCHING AND SORTING MEDIA CLIPS HAVING ASSOCIATED STYLE  
AND ATTRIBUTES

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.47(A)

Bellevue, Washington 98004  
December 5, 2000

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

This declaration is made by applicant's undersigned attorney under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a) because inventor John Thrall is and has been unavailable or unwilling to execute the above-identified patent application.

Relationship of Person Executing Declaration to Unavailable Inventor

The undersigned, Ronald M. Anderson, is the attorney of record in the above-identified patent application, a Power of Attorney to Mr. Anderson having been executed by each of the joint inventors except Mr. Thrall.

Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. 1.63:

Duly executed declarations under 37 C.F.R. § 1.63 are transmitted concurrently herewith, executed by each of the above-identified inventors except for John Thrall.

Statement of Facts

John Thrall has been unavailable for executing a declaration of the above-identified as of approximately March 31, 2000, due to the fact that his employment by Microsoft Corporation was terminated. Several attempts have been made to contact Mr. Thrall by electronic mail, regular first class U.S. mail, and certified U.S. mail (Certified Mail No. 7000 0520 0017 9505 6072). The electronic mail

1 messages to Mr. Thrall's last known e-mail address were not answered. The certified and regular U.S.  
2 mail packages were both returned to sender (applicants' attorney), and copies of the returned packaging  
3 are attached hereto. Other attempts have been made to learn of Mr. Thrall's whereabouts by inquiries  
4 made to other inventors and people known to have worked with Mr. Thrall while at Microsoft, but the  
5 inquiries were unfruitful. Microsoft Corporation's payroll records provided the mailing address from  
6 which mail sent to him (noted above) has been returned. Two additional attempts have been made to  
7 send the required documents, with prepaid return courier packaging, to Mr. Thrall by Federal Express.  
8 The first Airbill, No. 818823918584, was delivered to his parent's residence on October 31, 2000 at  
9 10:56 A.M. and was signed for by "John Thrall." The second airbill, No. 812199687701, was delivered  
10 to his parent's address on November 15, 2000 at 2:02 P.M. and was signed for by "Thrall." Copies of  
11 delivery confirmation for the Federal Express airbills are attached hereto. Additionally, during a  
12 telephone conversation with Mr. Thrall's mother in Dumfries, Virginia 22026 (phone: 703-221-3336),  
13 applicants' attorney was advised that Mr. Thrall is currently working for a company in California, and  
14 was provided a new residence address and work telephone number for Mr. Thrall. Mr. Thrall's mother  
15 also indicated that the earlier Federal Express packages had been forwarded by her to Mr. Thrall, in  
16 California. An additional Federal Express package (airbill No. 8245 1450 3035) including a Declaration  
17 and other documents was sent to Mr. Thrall's new work address on November 28, 2000, and Federal  
18 Express has confirmed that the packages delivered on November 29, 2000. Additional voice mail  
19 messages, left for Mr. Thrall at his new work number (540-461-2514), have gone unanswered, and an  
20 email sent to his current employer ([john.thrall@av.com](mailto:john.thrall@av.com)) has gone unanswered.

21 The last known address for John Thrall is:

22 John Thrall  
23 660 Tyrella Avenue, Apt. 38  
24 Mountain View, California 94043

25 The undersigned attests that John Thrall was provided a copy of the application in the final  
26 form in which it was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and that John Thrall

1 was aware of the contents of the application prior to its filing, but that he was unable to execute a  
2 declaration for the application at that time, due to time constraints in completing the application  
3 before the bar date of March 26, 2000. Further, based upon the attempts noted above to obtain  
4 John Thrall's execution of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney, it appears that he is  
5 refusing to do so.

6 I do hereby further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and  
7 that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these  
8 statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are  
9 punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States  
10 Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any  
11 patent issued thereon.

12 Respectfully submitted,

13 *Ron Anderson*

14 Ronald M. Anderson  
15 Registration No. 28,829

16 EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE

17 "Express Mail" mailing label number: EL542941754US

Date of Deposit: December 5, 2000

18 I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee"  
19 service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C.  
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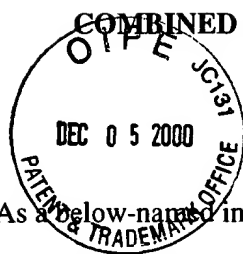
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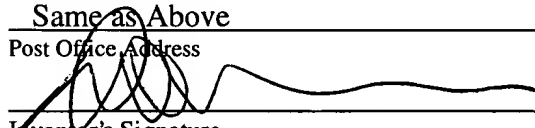
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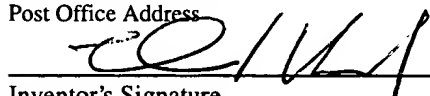
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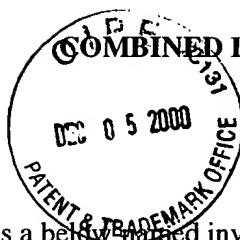


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